

SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2

Agenda

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3460 Colorado River Board

1. Lower Colorado Multi-Species Conservation Program— Informational Issue

Action. No action needed on this issue. The board's budget is approved as budgeted.

Vote. 3-0

3840 Delta Protection Commission

Action. No action needed on this commission. The commission's budget is approved as budgeted.

Vote. 3-0

3860 Department of Water Resources

1. Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program

Action. Held open. Directed staff to evaluate the role of this program in funding the CALFED program under the California Bay-Delta Authority's current two-year financing plan.

2. Desalination Grant Program

Action. Held open. Directed staff to evaluate the role of this program in funding the CALFED program under the California Bay-Delta Authority's current two-year financing plan.

3. Drinking Water Quality—Pilot Projects

Action. Approved this request as budgeted.

Vote. 3-0

4. Yuba Feather Flood Protection Program

Action. Approved the budget change proposal and April Finance letter proposals related to the Yuba Feather Flood Protection program as follows:

- \$20.9 million is proposed from Proposition 13 bond funds to implement the Yuba Feather Flood Protection program.
- The budget proposes \$14 million from Proposition 13 bond funds to fund the acceleration of proposed levee improvements for the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority.

Vote. 3-0

5. *Paterno* Lawsuit Settlement

Action. Held open pending the May Revision. The Governor's proposal was received today (April 26, 2005).

6. Flood Management in Crisis

Action. Approved the following budget change proposals related to flood management:

- **State Support.** The budget includes funding for the first year of a three-year plan to make "strategic improvements" to flood control. The proposal requests a \$9.7 million General Fund allocation for a variety of activities.
- **Capital Outlay.** The budget includes \$21 million (\$16.7 million General Fund and \$4.4 million in Reimbursements) to fund the following capital outlay flood control projects in the Central Valley:
 - **South Sacramento County Streams.**
 - **Sacramento River Bank Protection Project.**
 - **American River Common Features Project.**
 - **Terminus Dam, Lake Kaweah Project.**
 - **1997 Flood Damage Repair.**
 - **Eastside Bypass Levee Raising Project.**
- **April Finance Letter.** The April Finance letter submitted by the Governor requests an additional \$800,000 in federal funds to support floodplain management efforts.
- **Capital Outlay April Finance Letter.** The April Finance letter requests the following amendments to the budget to reappropriate or extend liquidation periods for capital outlay funds that were allocated in prior budget years and not expended for specific flood control projects. The projects include the following:
 - **Sacramento River Bank Protection Project.**
 - **Merced County Streams.**
 - **Cache Creek Settling Basin.**
 - **1997 Flood Damage Repair.**
 - **Mid-Valley Area Levee Reconstruction.**
 - **Sutter County Bridge Replacement.**
 - **Upper Sacramento Area Levee Reconstruction.**
 - **Tule River, Success Reservoir Enlargement.**

Directed staff, LAO, DOF, and the department to work on trailer bill language that would prohibit planning agencies from approving a development unless the local agency can identify sufficient flood protection to protect new residential developments.

Vote. 3-0

7. Sacramento Valley Water Management Program

Action. Approved the budget proposal.

Vote. 3-0

8. San Joaquin River Restoration Project

Action. The Subcommittee took the following actions:

- Reverted the \$9.2 million in Proposition 13 bond funds.
- Rejected the proposal to expend \$1.8 million to continue to fund the restoration study and gather more information from the department about why we need to spend this money in the budget year.
- Directed DWR to report on what other funds need to be reverted from the Friant Water Users Authority and what steps DWR has put in place to avoid this behavior in the future.

Vote. 3-0

9. Bond Funds: Extension of Liquidation Period

Action. The Subcommittee approved the following requests April Finance letter requests an extension of the liquidation period for the following programs:

- **Local Projects.** Approximately \$129,263 is needed to complete the water supply feasibility studies funded by Proposition 204 bond funds in 2000-01.
- **Groundwater Recharge Loan Program.** Approximately \$176,505 is needed for feasibility study grants and construction loans for water conservation and groundwater recharge projects funded by Proposition 82 bond funds in 2002.
- **Watershed Program.** Approximately \$241,701 is needed to cover existing contract commitments for work associated with preserving the upper Feather River watersheds from Proposition 50 bond funds.
- **Drought Panel Program.** Approximately \$4.2 million in Proposition 50 bond funds are remaining on 26 contracts awarded for projects that reduce the impacts of drought.

Vote. 3-0

10. All-American Canal Lining

Action. Directed DWR to provide a more refined estimate of those funds actually needed in the budget year to reimburse local agencies for the activities to be funded by the Colorado River Management Account.

Vote. 3-0

3940 State Water Resources Control Board

1. Wetlands Protection

Action. Approved as budgeted.

Vote. 3-0

2. Enforcement Activities

Action. Subcommittee directed the board to provide information on the funding needed to implement the improvements to the enforcement program outlined in the March 23, 2005 memorandum from the Secretary for Cal-EPA, including what activities have been reduced to enable resources to be redirected for enforcement.

Vote. No vote necessary.

3. Bond-Funded Grant Programs

Action. Held open. Directed the board to provide additional information on the following:

- The board's efforts to communicate its improved processes to the stakeholders participating in its grant processes.
- The board's review process for the implementation of the Ag Water Quality Grant Program and Dairy Water Quality Grant Program.
- The board's plans for awarding the \$66 million for coastal water quality, including any criteria that may be related to reducing discharges into ASBS.

Vote. 3-0

4. Water Rights Program

Action. Directed staff, LAO, DOF, and the board to identify alternative funding sources for augmenting the board's water rights program to continue needed environmental work to implement the in-stream flows adopted by the fisheries agencies.

Vote. 3-0

5. Monitoring Activities

Action. The Subcommittee directed the board to provide additional information on its expenditure of Section 106 federal funds and directed staff, LAO, DOF, and the board to work on options for better coordinating the state's monitoring programs so that the state can effectively utilize data currently being collected.

Vote. 3-0

6. Septic Tank Regulations—Informational Issue

Action. No action needed. Board indicated that regulations were released for public review on the day of the hearing.